Bar Hill News

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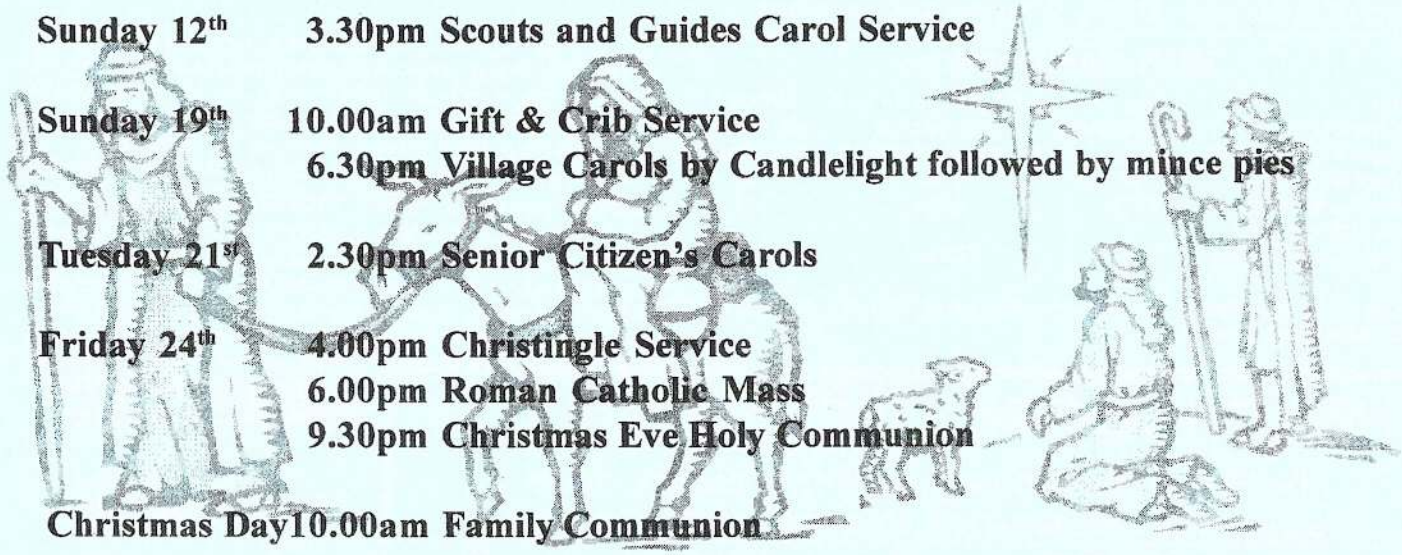
Christmas Services at Bar Hill Church



Sunday 12th 3.30pm Scouts and Guides Carol Service

Sunday 19th 10.00am Gift & Crib Service
6.30pm Village Carols by Candlelight followed by mince pies

Tuesday 21st 2.30pm Senior Citizen's Carols

Friday 24th 4.00pm Christingle Service
6.00pm Roman Catholic Mass
9.30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Christmas Day 10.00am Family Communion

All are warmly invited to join in these Christmas celebrations

Residents' Association

In addition to the production of this Bar Hill News (with a team of about 50 volunteers), the Residents' Association co-ordinates the Village Fete (with assistance from a separate committee of interested residents) and the Fireworks Display. It also endeavours to promote the interests of the village.

The AGM of the Residents' Association will take place in the School on Friday 28th January at 8pm.

All interested residents are welcome.

Thank You

The bucket collection at the Village Fireworks Display raised the sum of £480.
This is being sent to support the East Anglian Air Ambulance. (Reg. Charity no. 1083876)

Copy date for the next issue is 15th January to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contact details

There is no January issue. The next issue will be published in February

Bar Hill Residents' Association

04/05 Committee

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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

What ? (see insert)	Cost ? (per month)	Who, where, how ? (see above)	When ? (in month)
Commercial '¼ page' Ads.	£12	Adverts Co-ordinator	1st of previous
Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.	£5	Editor	15th
Commercial 'Mini' Ads.	£2.50	Editor	15th
Articles, 'What's On', 'For Sale', 'Lost & Found'	free	Editor	15th

All items are included at the editor's discresion and are dependant on space being available

The '¼ page' adverts are for local businesses and we guarantee that they are always printed. This often results in a 'waiting list'. To overcome this we provide 'mini' and 'maxi' adverts that we use as 'fillers' for the text pages and do not guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions on the number of pages we can produce.

Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via **bhneditor@yahoo.com**.

Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and address may be withheld at the Editor's discretion, however such names and addresses will be made available to anyone who makes a written request for such information and has good reason.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954)

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear residents.

I feel that it is time to add further weight to Toby Abrey's comments published in November's BHN.

We too are sick and tired of the local hooligans who obviously have nothing better too do with their free time than to devalue properties and interfere with innocent peoples lives in Bar Hill.

We too have attended the various community meetings and to date the scum that bless us all with their presence still go on the rampage on Friday/ Saturday nights.

We have personally endured their efforts with the most recent use of building blocks being hurled over our fence through our greenhouse. The replacement glass was duly fitted (would those responsible like to pay the invoice for £26.00?) only to have brick and concrete from another home extension project nearby, break the same panels 2 weeks later.

In addition to the mindless destruction of our outdoor Xmas decorations last Christmas, we have had mud thrown at our house whilst on holiday and empty broken vodka bottles and beer cans thrown into our back garden.

As if it this is not enough you also become victims of mental torture due to the mindless ongoing destruction of your property and the wondering of what next!

As residents of Bar Hill for over 15 years we have resorted to fitting CCTV and security lighting at the front of our property due to past events, so do we now have to invest further for the rear? – NO, THESE ACTS OF FUN ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE.

To those of your responsible and we do have an idea who you are, think ahead to your future

- Would your parents appreciate this type of behaviour to their property?
- When you are all older and have your own homes will you appreciate groups of thugs making your life hell?

Frustration is the understatement.

WE NEED ACTION NOW PLEASE FOR EVERYONES SAKE.

Name and address supplied.

Dear Editor

A recent visit to my parents in Felixstowe has prompted me to write again, after an absence of several years, about the poor general condition of the entranceway to the village.

Previously I queried what the proposals were to replace the demolished bus shelter and the burnt out barbers shop, to renew the damaged signs, tidy the rutted and overgrown verges and to brighten up the drab and oversized roundabout.

I was informed that the bus shelter would be replaced once an insurance matter was resolved.....presumably not yet. I was asked for my thoughts on the roundabout, and I suggested a sponsor might like to improve and maintain it in return for some advertising. I notice Pet Paks are advertising, but I have seen no evidence of improvement? I think I was told that the verges were not Parish Council responsibility....ok, but surely some representations towards tidying could be made, if they haven't. I think the sign for Crafts Way was replaced, then knocked down again, along with a lamp post for good measure.

However the issue that really bugs me is the former barbers hut. Apart from wondering who on earth allowed it to be built in the first place, I cannot believe that after an arson attack 3 years ago, it is still left to blight the village entrance. (Could you not slip the last arsonist £50 to come back and do a proper job?) I was told that it was to be knocked down, and replaced with a modern building, that would be rented, with the income accruing to the village. Fine. No problem with that.....but when?

That brings me to my visit to Felixstowe. As I strolled along the sea front I noticed a large derelict burnt out cabin that formerly sold seafood.I realised then that maybe these two symbols might be left for all time, with the idea that they form the visual rationale for twinning Bar Hill with Felixstowe.

Surely not I thought, too horrific to contemplate.....then I thought as somebody must be so fond of it, maybe an application for Grade 2 listed building status has been made?

Could anyone with a bulldozer please step forward?

Rod Bishop,
14 The Fairway

Dear Editor,

There's been quite a lot of discussion over the past few months about the behaviour of groups of young people in the village on Friday nights. I'd like to tell you about my experience on Friday 5 November.

About 10.30pm, Martin and I were clearing up after the firework display on the Village Green. As we were loading the car, a young man came up to us and asked if we were the people who'd done the firework display. He said how much he'd enjoyed it and thanked Martin for organising and running it. Several of his friends came to join him, and they also thanked us. Then, noticing that there was still work to be done, they offered to help. With their assistance, we were soon finished, and we told them how much we appreciated their politeness in coming to say thank you for the display, and their help in clearing up.

Chris Avery

Dear Editor,

On the evening of Tuesday 9th November I was driving on the perimeter road near Chestnut Rise when a black and white cat ran in front of my car. I braked but felt a thud and on closer inspection of the road and grass verge could see no sign of the cat. I just wanted to let the owner know what had happened if their cat returned home injured, or didn't return at all.

Anne Partridge

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Reshaping The Organisation - Towards Excellence

The Council has agreed a major shake-up of its top management and departmental structure.

The Council will create three Directorates plus a small Chief Executive's office from the existing four-directorate structure. The number of the Council's most senior managers will reduce from 34 to 24.

The changes will help the Council achieve a number of efficiencies so we can continue to offer improved services to the people of Cambridgeshire.

Our aims are: -

- Increased customer focus.
- Efficient management structures providing value for money for money.

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More Letters to the Editor

- More capacity dedicated to leadership, strategy and policy formulation.
- Improved management of the Council's performance and resources.
- Clear accountability across the Children's Services functions.
- Increased opportunities for collaboration across services.

Cambridgeshire's SEN Transport Policy Praised

The County Council's policy of providing home to school transport for children with special educational needs has been cited as an example of good practice in a new DfES guidance document.

The guidance - *Home to school travel for pupils requiring special arrangements* - provides information and advice to local authorities developing such policies.

It was put together by the DfES following an investigation into the costs of home to school transport for pupils with special educational needs (SEN).

The document quotes Cambridgeshire's good practice of putting contracts out to tender every 5 years.

Call Demand Reaches New High

The County Council's Cambridgeshire Direct Contact Centre is coping with record demand for information on services and support offered to the public.

The Centre at St Ives is open 8am-8pm, six days a week and regularly handles more than 2,000 inquiries a day about services including Child Protection, Trading Standards and Libraries. The centre also handles calls about a variety of services provided by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Recently, 14 new staff completed training and the centre now employs 52 people on a part and full-time basis.

New System To Halt Prolific Offenders

Work has started on identifying prolific and other priority offenders who will be subject to a new system designed to halt their criminal behaviour.

The strategy has three sequential strands. Firstly Prevent and Deter which is for under 18 year-olds. It seeks to prevent young people becoming the POPO's of the future with robust Youth Justice interventions and clear targeting of young people at risk of offending.

Each Crime and Reduction Partnership (CDRP) will be expected to identify 15-20 young people at risk and develop partnership responses to their behaviour. The second strand Catch and Convict seeks to identify 15-20 offenders (largely adults though not exclusively so) in the CDRP area who require specific targeting.

Cambridgeshire has the advantage of having a strategic group which draws together the CDRP's, key Criminal Justice Agencies and now the Local Criminal Justice Board.

REGIONALISM RIP

How delighted I was to read the result of the Regional Assemblies referendum in the North East. There can be no argument about how comprehensively the people rejected Mr Prescott's dream; and that was in the region thought to be most amenable to the idea.

With a turnout above 40% and a 78% vote against, it is impossible (in my book) for anyone to claim that apathy ruled the day and lost the battle. Our region (The East of England) was already right at the bottom of the government's hit list for directly elected regional assemblies; so I am hopeful that the idea will quietly be forgotten for the foreseeable future.

The result did give rise to some correspondence, however. I have received a mass of letters asking why we have a regional assembly in the East without having had a referendum. I thought it might be useful to explain the background.

We originally formed something called The East of England Local Government Conference covering the six counties of this region. It allowed local authorities in the region to get together to look at things (where appropriate) in a regional context. Its members were not directly elected; but they were all elected members of local authorities, mandated to represent the interests of that authority.

The government was so convinced that directly elected regional assemblies would soon be the norm, that it designated our alternative, voluntary, chamber as "The Regional Planning Body" for the East of England - the body that would make planning decisions for pan-regional items. However, it also passed legislation making it compulsory for "at least 30%" of the assembly places to be held by "stakeholders." Stakeholders are not elected (either to a local authority or to the voluntary chamber); they are appointed. Exactly who decides which "stakeholder organisations" get a seat (and how that seat is allocated to a specific individual) is a bit of a mystery to me. I am sure there is a piece of paper somewhere that explains it all; but I am not familiar with it.

At the same time, the government insisted that we changed the name of the chamber to The East of England Regional Assembly (EERA) That is the body which, earlier this month, accepted the need for 478,000 new homes in the region between 2001 and 2021.

Many of the letters I received complained that EERA is an "unelected QUANGO" and has no democratic mandate to make that sort of decision. To a certain extent they are right; the stakeholder representatives certainly have no democratic mandate. But all the local authority members do - and all local authorities in the region are represented.

I am the Cambridgeshire representative. I am a democratically elected county councillor; and the rest of that number elected me to represent them at EERA. I claim, therefore, to have a democratic mandate. However, as the government's dreams recede, perhaps we should ask them to re-examine the democratic justification for allowing stakeholders to be voting members on regional planning issues. I suspect that we will get a frosty response; for the system would now require primary legislation to change it back to the Local Government Conference model. But it would be nice to watch them squirm as they explain how their placemen supposedly make good the previous democratic deficit.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

John Reynolds
(County Councillor and Member of the Cambridgeshire Police Authority)
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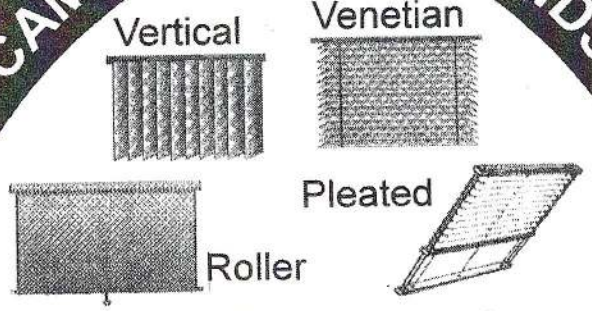

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Play Equipment Fencing

Some of you may have seen the fencing that has recently been installed around the B Frame (along the Hollytrees spine path). The reason for this being done was because when we had our annual inspection of play equipment the Inspectors felt that this piece of equipment was too near the stream and had to be fenced off. So this was done due to health & safety reasons.

Village Hall

If you would like to view the plans for the Village Hall at any time, they can be found in the Sports & Social Club and I also have a copy in the Parish Council Office.

Bar Hill Parish Council
Parish Council Offices
(Near the Health Centre and Octagon)
BAR HILL
780456
E-mail: barhillpc-1@freenet.co.uk

Police

If anybody feels they have witnessed an incident that should involve the Police such as anti-social behaviour, or any possible crime please call the Police. If they don't know what is going on in the village nothing can be done about it. The more calls they receive the more police presence we will have in the village.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th December 2004 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting. May I wish, on behalf of the Parish Council, all the residents a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk

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South Cambridgeshire District Council:	01223 443000
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District Councillor's Report

The Wind Farm

The application to build a wind farm between Boxworth and Conington, which will be visible from Bar Hill, is unlikely to come before the District Council Planning Committee before March or April next year. Two of the statutory consultees have yet to reply, one of them the Highways' Agency who have still to announce their plans for the redesigned A14. When these are received, they will be forwarded to the applicants for their comments. Your local District Councillors have recently been meeting with senior planning officers to underline local feeling against the scheme.

Tesco Trolleys

Residents are likely to have been disturbed by the large number of Tesco trolleys littering the village, especially in the streams and other amenity areas. This has been caused by the continued refusal of Tesco's to install the coin-in-the-slot system which works successfully in other villages and the failure of the magnetic strip surrounding the Tesco site. On checking the conditions attached to the original granting of planning permission in August 1999, to provide 'a scheme to keep shopping trolleys within the site shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority [South Cambridgeshire District Council](and) shall be constructed and completed as approved'. was included. In other words, Tesco are under no obligation to maintain the magnetic strip in the future; the Council's legal officer has confirmed that this is the case. I have asked the Council's planning officers to write to Tesco's representatives pointing out the store's moral responsbility to maintain this strip, or to install a similar system to prevent trolleys being taken from the site or which encourages their return. If this fails, I will be asking the District Council's legal officer to check into what legal action can be taken against Tesco.

(Postscript: Tesco's have since stated verbally that they have 'no intention of putting in a new trolley security scheme or maintaining the existing one'.)

Unauthorised advertising

Last January, Advertising Consent was refused for signs outside the Tesco stores on the basis that these would constitute a traffic hazard. In spite of this, these signs have now been installed at Bar Hill as well as at their other stores in the District. The Council's Enforcement Officers are now in the process of ensuring their removal.

South Cambridgeshire District Council receives one of the lowest Revenue Support Grants from the government - less than £20 per head of population compared with over £40 for a quarter of all local authorities. In recent years, additional requirements have been inflicted on the Council such as planning for a population growth of 33% by 2016, new licensing responsibilities e- (electronic) government, and devising new plans and strategies without adequate funds being made available. The Local Government Association has pointed out that this year alone there is a 4% gap between the Government's target for Council Tax increases and the spending obligations it has imposed. In addition, it is now depriving councils of three-quarters of the proceeds from council house sales, these, in the past, having provided income for affordable housing projects and the interest for day-to-day services. The Council, therefore, will have to increase Council Tax from its present low level, having, during the last few few years, financed the shortfall between income and expenditure from reserves.

Waste Management

At an awards' ceremony held recently at the Savoy Hotel in London, South Cambridgeshire District Council won the prestigious 'Re-cycling Council of the Year' award, being the leading Council in the country in this area. It reflected the fact that, since April, the Council has been re-cycling a monthly average of 50.6% of its waste, which is double the target set by the Government.

The Cambourne headquarters

The Cassandras who believed that the Council's move to Cambourne would prove to be an expensive disaster will be surprised to learn that the Council's building , which, with all the Council's services housed within it, is already proving to be an unqualified success, has been named as the 'best development on a business park in the country' in a competition organised by the Industrial and Office Agent Society. Some residents may have noticed the houses being erected at the Council's site in Oakington. The 'freeing-up' of this brownfield site made possible the provision of much-needed affordable housing.

Roger Hall
District Councillor

Councillors' Surgeries

Elected councillors, John Reynolds and Shona Johnstone (County) and Roger Hall and Bunty Waters (District) will be holding Councillors' Surgeries on the second Saturday of each month between 11 am and midday in the Parish Offices in Bar Hill and at the Village Halls in Dry Drayton and Boxworth. Residents from all the villages will be welcome to consult their councillors at any of these.

December 11th	Boxworth
January 15th	**Bar Hill**
February 12th	Dry Drayton
March 12th	**Bar Hill**
April 2nd	Boxworth

The Royal British Legion

Bar Hill Branch

October's meeting was our A.G.M. The Election of Officers was chaired by our President Eddy Patrick.

Chairman: Tony Shubotham
Vice Chairman: Mary Shubotham
Secretary: Ann Duce
Treasurer: Mike Duce
Standard Bearer: Mike Conlon
Welfare Officer: Maggie Cox
Poppy Appeal Organiser: Valerie Evans

We discussed the No 4 Group meeting in Bar Hill School on the 29th November.

There will be a Fish and Chip supper at 14 Hillcrest on the 20th November.

The December meeting will be on the 23rd December in the Village Hall meeting room at 7.30 P.M.

Mary Shubotham, 781553

Bin Collection Dates

December

1 Green bin and box
8 Black bin
15 Green bin and box **(This is the last collection from the green wheelie bins until January 26th)**
22 Black bin
29 Green Box **only** (no bin)

January

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19 Black Bin
26 Green Bin and box

February

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Tilting at Windmills

Most people instinctively consider that wind energy is a good thing in that it produces sustainable electricity without producing CO_2. So it is, in the right place. However, when large wind farms are proposed close to residential areas then the negative impacts they have on the surrounding area and the people living there completely outweigh the benefits.

The proposed 16 x 100m high turbines proposed on the ridge between Boxworth and Conington will be larger than any currently built in England and, together with the 12 already agreed near Warboys, will dominate our flat fenland landscape.

The main objections to this particular site are:

- A14 Safety – Wind turbines of this size rotating close to the treacherous A14 (nearest turbine 250m) will cause driver distraction and increase the risk of accidents. Shadow flicker will be a problem at sunset.
- Air Safety – They will affect the radar at Cambridge Airport who have lodged an objection.
- Landscape – They will be completely out of scale with and dominate the landscape.
- Noise – They will produce noise and pose a danger to the health of people living nearby.
- T.V. – They will affect the T.V. reception in Fen Drayton, Swavesey and Over.
- House Prices – They will reduce house prices.
- Electricity – They generate only small quantities of unreliable power.
- CO_2 Reduction – They will only reduce CO_2 by the same amount as that produced by 32 lorries.

This is the wrong place for such a large obtrusive wind farm which would be better situated offshore. If you agree with us then join the StopCWF Action Group via the website www.stopcwf.org.uk or phone Helen Hawkes on 01954 267039.

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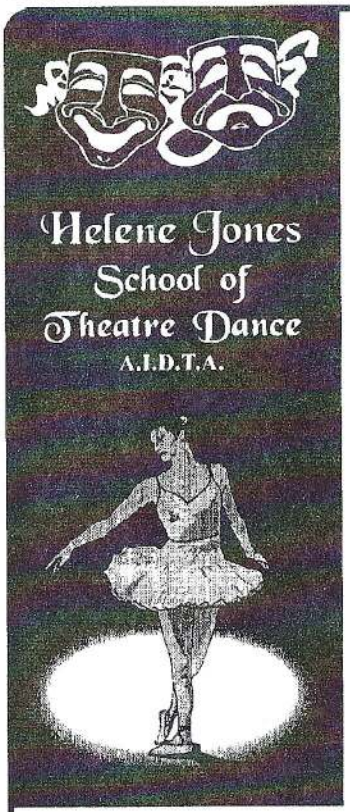

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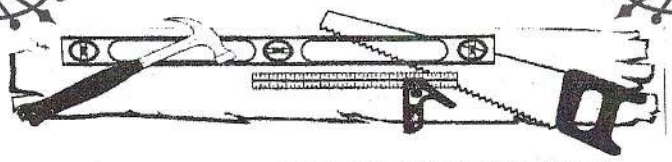

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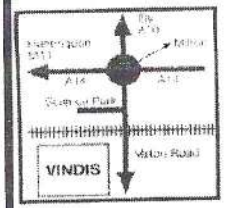

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As members of the P.L.A. (Pre-School Learning Alliance) we work to the guidelines required by OFSTED and all planning ensures the curriculum for the foundation stage is provided for, for each child according to age and ability.

Session times:

Am.	9.00-11.30
Pm.	12.30-3.00
Lunch club	11.30-12.30
Wednesday	Open All Day

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Monday	Sunbeams (run by Jayne & Tina)
Thursday	Sunbeams 1-3pm (run by Tina Fox)

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or Vicky on 205497

To book sessions or for further information please contact the Play leaders, Jayne & Tina on 789099 or come and see us during one of our sessions.

Diary Dates

11th December Tea with Santa

Things We Have Done & Will Be Doing

Sunshine Pre-school have completed their sponsored marathon walk on 27th November. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

The children will be holding their Nativity Play. Everyone welcome.

Under Ones

Under Ones meet in the Church Octagon on Tuesday mornings 10-12 during school term-times. All are welcome with babies under a year old: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers, childminders. Expectant mums are welcome too.

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We are open every day, morning and afternoon, during school term time. (9.15-11.45 am and 12.30- 3pm) There is a lunch club every day from 12 noon.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half. Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns "weeks, which are very popular.

From September 2004, we re-openned mini acorns, for children from age 2- 2 1/2. This is a small session with no more than 8 children,two afternoons per week, to provide a calm , secure environment which helps children to get ready for big pre-school .Please telephone if you would like more information.

We have recently received an excellent OFSTED report (the full version is available on request (or can be accessed via the OFSTED web site.) We were awarded "an aspect of outstanding practice in special needs" and overall the judgment, which we received, was very good.

We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidise or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this.

For more information / a prospectus/ a registration form / a copy of our OFSTED report or to arrange a visit, please telephone **Sally on 201074.**

Netmums

Netmums is a local network for mums by mums with a wealth of information and advice on being a mum with young children. Visit them on the internet at www.netmums.co.uk

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group (formerly Tots and Teds)

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group is a welcoming and friendly group set up to provide play and socialising for children 0-4 years. A committee of local volunteer parents runs the group. We meet in the Octagon every Wednesday and Friday morning 9.45 – 11.15.

Each session is run by a Session leader and provides a range of activities, which includes crafts; puzzles; imaginary play and a selection of outdoor toys (weather permitting). We provide refreshments and an opportunity to meet new people. We ask a small fee of £1.80 per child per session and £1.00 per sibling (this helps us cover the cost of the hall/ refreshments/toys).

New Toys

We are currently in the process of replacing some of our old toys and extending the range we have, this is thanks to the support of our regular Toddlers and the hard work and dedication of the committee, who do a grand job.

Younger Toddlers

If you little cherub is still young and feel that things could be a little much for them, please do come down to our Friday session, this is generally a little less busy and therefore more suitable for the younger ones who are just starting to toddle or still crawling.

2005

As usual we have lots of fundraising ideas for the New Year and look forward to seeing more of you join us in 2005.

Events

Karaoke/Disco

This is on Saturday 11th December 2004. Tickets will be £5.00 each. This will be held in the School hall with a licensed Bar. **Tickets are on sale now.** Tickets are available from the sessions and committee members or call Lucy - 01954 781341. Please do come an join us,. invite friends and family, it's sure to be a great night out.

Christmas Crafts

All through December we will be doing Christmas Crafts at our sessions (both Weds and Fri). Each week there will be a different item, these will include, Tree decorations and presents to make. There will be a small charge for some of the items we are making but others will be free. Come and join us make some lovely Christmas Stuff.

Christmas Parties

On Wednesday 15th December and Friday 17th December we will be holding our usual end of term Christmas Parties. These are held during the normal session times. There will be a raffle at the end of term for a Christmas Hamper and Homemade Iced Christmas Cake.

Cake Stalls

We will be holding our usual cake stalls at the end of term on both Wednesday 15th December and Friday 17th December. Our committee members will be busy baking for you to come and buy homemade cakes. As these are our stalls before Christmas you may be able to pick up some homemade mince pies or other Christmas goodies. We recommend to come early to avoid disappointment.

Committee

Thank you to the committee for all help, support and laughter in the last year, it can be a little testing up times, but we often get there in the end. And thank you to all the parents/carers and children who have supported us this year and hope to see all of you continue to join us in 2005.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Year and hope to see more joining us in 2005.

If you would like any further information please call in to one of sessions, Emma runs Wednesdays and Jo runs Fridays, they will be happy to speak to you, or call Lucy Tel: 01954 781341.

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We have a purpose built building adjacent to the School, from which we have direct access.

Our team of dedicated staff are regularly updating their training, which includes NVQ's in Playwork, Child Protection, First Aid and many more.

We had an excellent OFSTED inspection of which we are very proud.

A typical session provides the children with a wide range of activities from computers to home corner, modeling clay to pool table and much more, or a chance to chill out watching a video or DVD. We also have a wide range of outdoor activities, which we can do in the safe environment of the School playground. During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc. as it is their Club, they even chose its name. This summer's theme was "around the world in 25 days". We also provide a snack e.g. Pasta, filled pittas and hot dogs etc, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. If there is a birthday we make a cake to share.

We are open after school till 6pm every day at a cost of £3/hour and from 8.15-6pm during school holidays for £19/day or half day rate of £9.50 for either 8.30-1pm or 1.30-6pm.

Our building is also available for hire, for parties, meetings etc - £5 per hour and £10 for the kitchen.

For further information, to arrange a visit, or to hire the building please call Patsie on 07752 039562.

UPDATES

We currently have vacancies, due to a large number of year 6's moving onto secondary schools.

To promote positive behaviour, this term we have introduced House Teams, the children are really enjoying the challenges they are set e.g. the tallest junk tower with nothing to hold it together and are really entering into the team spirit. – Well done everyone.

We hope you all enjoyed our trip to Woburn as much as we did.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

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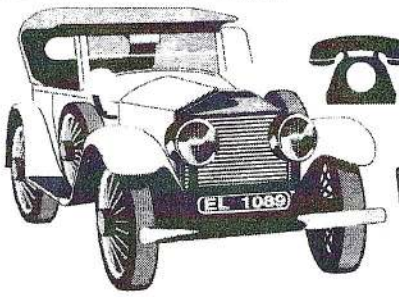

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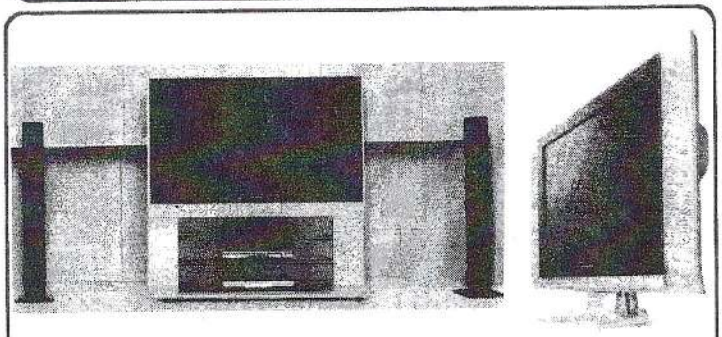

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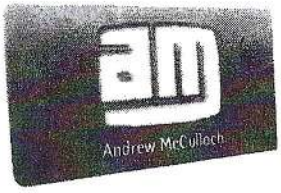

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- A tailored Foundation Stage Curriculum, with the emphasis on "Learning through Play"
- Fun and Friendship with their peers and adults.
- Our Key worker system enables our Early Years Team to meet the needs of each individual child.
- We recognize parents/carers are the first and most important educators of young children.

We therefore offer the opportunity for parents to help at sessions.

Play Tots

Our Come and Play session is held on a Tuesday afternoon 1 -2.30pm. This session is run by our senior staff team members Sonya and Clare. The session offers lots of fun and activities for tots aged l-3years. So come along and have some fun!

Session Times

Mon	9.00 - 11.30	
Tues	9.00 - 11.30	
	1.00 - 2.30	Play tots
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	
Thurs	9.00 - 11.30	
Fri	9.00 - 11.30	Rising 5's

Rising 5's Session

This session is for children in their final year of Pre-School education. The session offers children a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

As well as our sessions we also offer a lunch club every day from 11.30 -12.30

Nursery vouchers

Under the Nursery Grant Scheme we can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible.

Subsidised Places

We can also offer reduced session rates for parent/carers on Income support/ working tax credit.

Places

To book sessions for your child please contact Julie on 780445 or pop in and see us!

Bar Hill School PTA

Forthcoming Events

Spring - Car Boot sale. Information to be included in a future BHN.

5th March 2005 7.30 'til late Pop Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper

Summer Plant Sale - Order Form to be included in a future edition of Bar Hill News

18th June 2005 - Family Fun Day

For more information nearer the time please look out for the posters around the village or contact the school.

Minus 1 To 5

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Mondays 1.45 -3pm

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Toddler and Pre School Nativity Time

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Happy Hours The recycled youth club

As Christmas approaches, let me on behalf of the members of Happy Hours, wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us all remember the true meaning of Christmas. Be happy and communicate happiness.

A. G. M. The 15th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Monday 8th. November, with 62 members present. The minutes of the last A.G.M., which had been circulated, were approved and signed. The Chairman, Sid Hunt, who had welcomed everyone to the meeting, then gave an account of our activities over the past twelve months. He thanked the Committee for their hard work during the year, together with other members who had helped in various ways. The Treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Hunt, circulated the certified accounts, and reported on the finances, which were in good shape. Reports on 'Speakers' was given by Margaret Clark, and on 'Outings and Holidays' by Helen Collins.

Throughout the year, from our various raffles and collections, we have been able to donate a total of £479.00 to various charities. Many thanks to our members for their generousity.

Elections. Two long serving members of the Committee, Vera Hammond and Heather Turrell, who had both decided to stand down, were thanked for their years of service, and were each presented with a bouquet of flowers. The other members of the committee were re-elected, together with two new members, Terry Marshall and Betty Kerr.

Competitions. Following the AGM, Mrs. Joyce Smith was called upon to present prizes to this years competition winners. They were as follows:- Darts (Men)- Fred Styles, Darts (Ladies)- Beryl Arnold, Crib - Ken Varney, Dominoes - Dennis Holt, Table Tennis - Ken Varney, Rummikub - Helen Collins, Scrabble - Elsie Fisher. The winners were congratulated by all present. Once again it was nice to see some new names on the various trophies.

Holidays. On Monday 11th. October, a number of our members travelled to Blackpool for a five day holiday. Staying at the Norbreck Castle Hotel, we enjoyed plenty of good food, with good accommodation and first class entertainment. Our coach tour included a trip along the illuminations which now extend for over seven miles along the promenade. A wonderfull sight which we enjoyed in both directions. We also spent two days at Various resorts in the Lake District, which included a boat trip on Lake Windermere. Our next holiday will be on Monday 22nd November when 35 of our members will be off for a five day Tinsel & Turkey break, to Weston-Super-Mare. This will include a trip to Cheddar Gorge and the City of Bath, and a further trip to the Forest of Dean and a visit to Bristol.

Outings. On Wednesday 3rd. November, we held a coach trip to Milton Keynes, where many of our members were able to start their Christmas shopping.

Christmas Cards. Once again we have decided not to send each other cards this Christmas, but to make a suitable donation which will go to the Rosie Maternity Hospital, towards the cost of a new Ventilating Machine. A similar collection last year raised the sum of £92.00, so may be we can beat that this year.

Birthday Party. On Monday 15th of November, we celebrated the 15th birthday of the formation of this Club. All members were treated to a well served free lunch, and were then entertained with a pantomime, staring the well known actor and comedian, Ernie Arnold, with his well known group, together with Dennis Buxton at the piano. We were pleased to have the company of the Rev. Gary Renison, and Mrs. Claire Thorby.

We look forward to the Club Christmas Lunch which is being held on Monday 13th December at the Moat House Hotel, 12 noon for 1.00pm.

New Members. During the past month we have welcomed two new members. They are:- Dick Williams and Sheila Whitehead. Both have already made themselves at home and will no doubt enjoy our company.

Sickness. George Wood and Joan Platt, two of our long term members, who have not been well enough to be in our company this year, both send their best wishes to their friends, and have both sent a donation to the Club. We thank them, and wish them both well.

Dennis Holt
780948

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a very informal group for women of all ages who live in Bar Hill We meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8pm. We have a varied programme consisting of speakers, demonstrations and outings.

6 January School closed
3 February The history and fossils of Barrington quarry

If you would like to join please come along to one of the meetings or telephone Barbara Page on 204171

Bar Hill Church Knit and Natter

We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

We hold Coffee Mornings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 15th January from 10.00 oclock until midday in the Octagon.

Please come and support us and browse through our bargains. Hope to see you there.

Sue Kenchington.

Bar Hill Conservatives

Saturday 4th December. Christmas Lunch at 4 Hollytrees by kind invitation of John & Diana Reynolds. Andrew & Sally Lansley and Robert & Liz Sturdy will be attending. 12 for 12.30pm. Tickets £12. each.

For details and tickets please contact Iris Lay - 121 Appletrees, Bar Hill. or 01954 205265.

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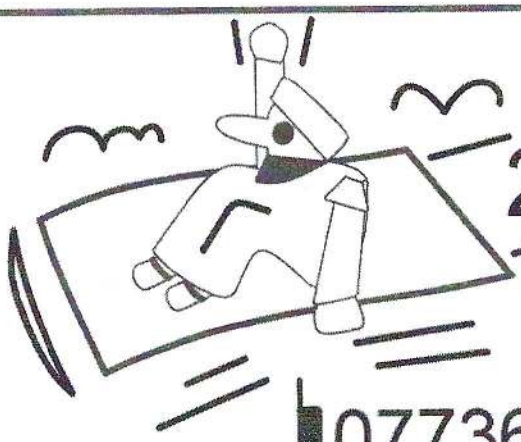

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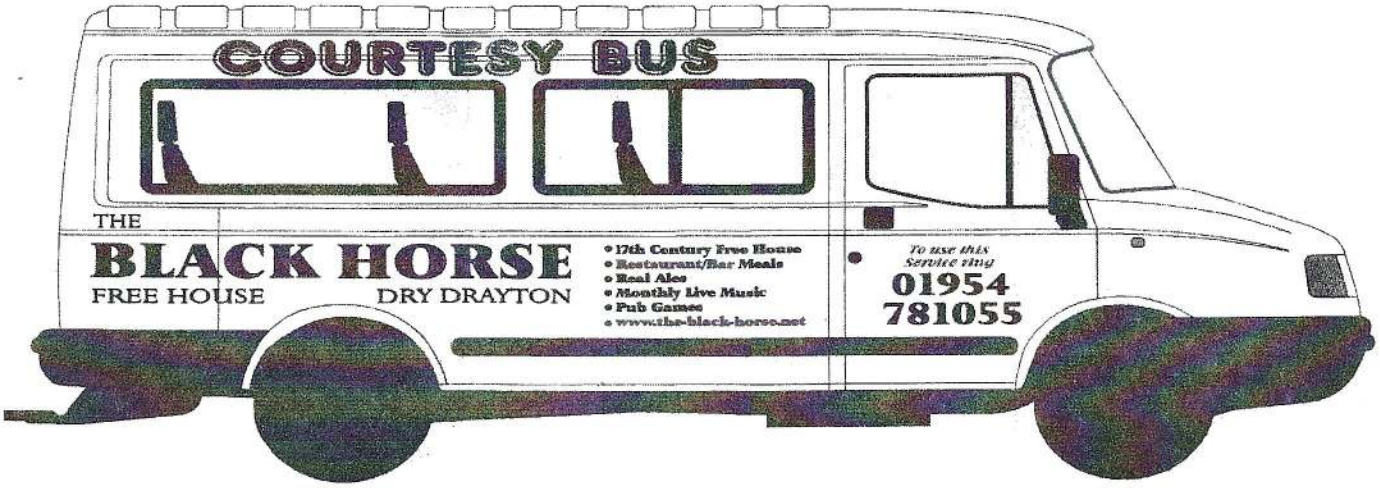

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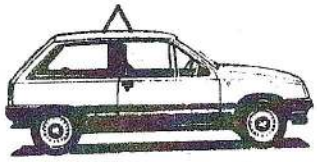

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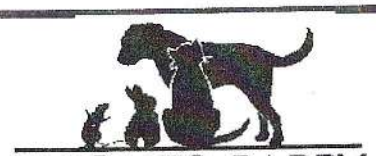

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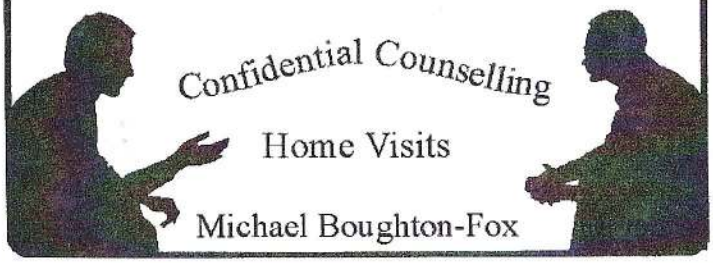

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If you have an interest in environmental issues, enjoy encouraging other people and have a little time to spare, why not join our friendly network of volunteers in promoting home composting?

Becoming a Master Composter is a great way to meet new people, learn valuable skills and benefit from being part of a team that makes a difference. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a Master Composter; you **don't** need to be an expert composter (or be composting at all) or have any volunteer or community group experience.

As a volunteer you will receive training in home composting and related environmental issues (provided by HDRA - the organic organisation), a Master Composter resource pack and several training trips; including visits to a composting site and one of HDRA's organic gardens. All training expenses will be paid for; you only need to provide your time.

Once the training has been completed, you will be expected to spend 30 hours over the following year promoting home composting. These activities will be tailored to your individual skills and could be anything from giving a demonstration to your next-door neighbours to giving a presentation to a class of school children or helping promote further compost bin sales. Upon completion of the training and 30 volunteer hours you will be awarded the title Master Composter and be invited to receive your certificate at an award ceremony.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Composter please contact:
Alice Rundle,
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News from Histon Sector Police

A TIMELY REMINDER NOW CLOCKS HAVE GONE BACK !

With the clocks having just gone back, darkness will start to fall earlier in the evenings - something to consider in respect of personal and property safety.

Firstly, properties are more vulnerable to burglary during hours of darkness so remember to take a few extra precautions. For example, if you are going out, make your property look lived in - have lights on a timer switch set to come on as it gets dark. Make sure you have locked all doors and windows even if you are only going out for a brief period. Be particularly careful about security to the rear of the property, as this is often where intruders find they can gain entry.

If you ride a bicycle, ensure that other road users can see you. Check that your cycle is adequately lit and that you are wearing high visibility clothing or armbands.

Finally, as a pedestrian you can also take steps to make sure that road users can see you. Whenever possible wear bright clothing – particularly on unlit or poorly lit roads.

For more information on security and personal safety issues, please contact our Community Safety Unit on 0845 456 456 4.

If any dead animals etc. or anything interesting found, please contact Nick Richardson, mobile **07786950684**

Neighbourhood Watch

Jill Smith has decided to stand down from her position of village co-ordinator after several years, although continuing to be a co-ordinator for her immediate vicinity. Jill's contribution, to her local community, the Neighbourhood Watch organisation and in enhancing police / community communications has been significant and we wish to thank her for her support.

Sadly, this leaves a vacancy now in Bar Hill for a village co-ordinator. If you, or anyone you know, would like to know more about what's involved please contact Julie Stevens at Histon Police Station.

Web site worth visiting.....

If you have a child in your family who rides a bicycle, a web site they may enjoy visiting is **www.hedgehogs.gov.uk.** The site contains lots of tips on safe cycling / road safety as well as being loads of fun (containing games and quizzes) for our younger surfers of the net.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

There is now one single number to call for all non-emergency calls to Cambridgeshire Police.
This is 0845 456 456 4.

All emergency calls should still be made to 999. Alternatively, why not try the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website; www.cambs.police.uk. This allows you to contact, by e-mail, a specific officer.

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Bar Hill Social Club

It now looks like the refurbishment of the Village Hall will start in the Spring 2005, when finished it will be the envy of many villages around here and a great asset to Bar Hill. We are looking forward to the day that we can move back into the refurbished club, once again please feel free to look at the plans that are on display over the coat rack in the club.

On Friday 3rd December a trip has been organised to see Saturday Night Fever at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London, the coach will leave the club at 4.30pm.

As previously advised our Grand Christmas Draw will take place on Friday 10th December starting at 9pm, the more tickets sold equates to more prizes to be won. Our children's pantomime this year is on 29th December would all members enter names and ages on the sheet in the entrance hall of all children who would like to attend by Wednesday 22nd December please.

On New Years Eve the social club will be open for members only, membership cards must be shown on the door to gain entry, with entertainment supplied by Julie Bunn.

Anybody wishing to apply for membership please be advised that it costs £5 per year and only £1 per year for senior citizens, application forms are available from behind the bar.

Our entertainment this month includes

Friday	3rd	Saturday Night Fever in London
Friday	10th	Christmas Draw 9pm start
Saturday	11th	Membership Draw
Friday	24th	Karaoke with Leigh and Membership Draw
Wednesday	29th	Children's Pantomime
Friday	31st	New Years Eve with Julie Bunn

On behalf of the Officers, Committee, Staff and members of Bar Hill Sports & Social Club I would like to wish all readers of the Bar Hill News a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year. Seasons Wishes.

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Thursday 9th December
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Thursday 23rd December
Swap your favourite Christmas recipe over a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie at Janet's

Thursday 13th January
Lucky Dip - talk for 2 minutes on a mystery subject at Di's

Saturday 22th January - New Year Social (Members only) at Heather/Bobby's

Thursday 27th January
Photo Expert - bring photos from the 'family archives' for dating and discussion at Brenda's

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Straight after school on Tuesdays the pitch is open by Karen Curry for a free kick around for children in years 3 to 6 (two 20 minute sessions). The pitch is opened on Thursdays by Michelle Davis for children in reception to year 2.

We would like to open the pitch on a Friday or Saturday night for casual youth football. To deliver this we need volunteers to go on a rota. Please contact Paul on 781527 if you can help.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson:	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair:	Alan Hewings
Secretary:	Paul Thorby
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Paul Thorby, Tel: 781527

Ladies International Group

We are a small group who welcome newcomers of all nationalities: British & overseas. Our specialities are informal outings, usually with children in tow, and hopefully, helping people feel at home. Special past events have included strawberry picking, a French meal and Chinese vegetarian meal. Just drop in to our shared meals, once a month. On **10th December** we have a 'Bring and share' supper at 93 The Spinney from 7.30 onwards. Share a song evening in tape or sheet music. We plan to have a piano and guitar on the night. Please ring Jo or Swee Kim if you are coming. Please ring and leave your phone number if you would like details of this or other events.

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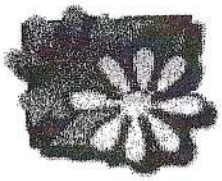

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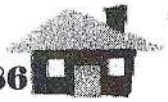

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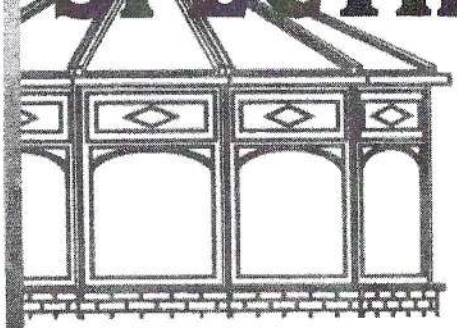

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Bar Hill Jets would like to thank Domino Printing and David Lloyd Hair and Beauty for sponsoring the team this season.

Jordan Marin, Matthew Churchley, Dominic Gedney, Jake Hayden-Smith, Joshua Eales, Michael Whyatt, Nicholas Warner, Stephen Ostler, Chris Leach, Dale Horwood, Jack Clark, Lloyd Wills, Jack Harris, Chris Benstead.

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Bar Hill Colts FC - Team Managers		
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U10	Kevin Salaman	201701
U11	Paul Thorby	781527
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Cricket Club

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The committee is in the process of arranging the club's first ever tour. Sadly, Barbados was a little beyond our price bracket, but the West Country, we're sure, will make an agreeable alternative. Further details will be sent out to members early in the new year.

Look out also for our winter nets, which, subject to confirmation, will begin in January to help us hone our skills for the season.

We also aim to finally reveal the club's new logo in the very near future.

With, hopefully, further coaching sessions at the school, social events and club practice nights when the lighter evenings return, there is still plenty going on in the closed season.

Finally, membership forms for 2005 will also be sent out in the new year. If anyone thinks they have been forgotten, please contact the secretary, Paul Stimpson, on 782475. That is also the number for information on the club or for prospective members. Alternatively, visit the club website on www.barhillcricket.org.uk

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The reeds swayed to and fro like a thousand feather dusters, each ripple of the water sparkled like a diamond in the pale watery sun, the swish of the swan's wings drowned out the "angel's sigh" of a hundred flighting wild fowl: I am in a state of euphoria.

I am at the Fen Drayton Gravel Pits complex, walking along the flood bank next to the River Great Ouse. Nature is happening all around me and, apart form my family, I can't think of anything else which gives me as much pleasure as being at one with nature.

Every weekend I am to be found at Fen Drayton. For me, and many others, it is a magical place where you can meet people or be alone with your own thoughts; walking along the myriad footpaths, bridleways, and other tracks to be found there; taking the walker or rider through untold areas of beauty. Here, in the summertime, you can watch pike stalking its prey, countless numbers of brilliantly coloured butterflies dancing along the pathways, walk through clouds of dainty damselflies as thick as a blizzard. Or stand in slack-jawed awe, as the most wonderfully coloured and amazing dragonflies show off their aerobatics patrolling, feeding mating and egg-laying, all played out in front of you, nature at its most marvellous.

But all good things come to an end: the dragonflies and damselflies don't appear one day; only the odd butterfly is spotted; the small birds that so delight me throughout the summer have now left for warmer climes; the reeds that shimmered in a heat haze now sway in the colder wind; the tee-shirt has been replaced by a jacket; the hands that were brown from the sun, scratched by brambles, and smelt of different odours from examining newly-found dropings, are now clad in gloves. Poppy and I, who together enjoyed a swim in the river in the warmer times, are now separated: she swims (she's mad!) and I stand and watch: frost or snow on the ground makes no difference to her enjoying a swim. But then time marches on and its time to return to the car and Bar Hill, not only dreaming of warmer days, but also of the next visit to my favourite place.

A 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' to all my readers.

Nick Richardson
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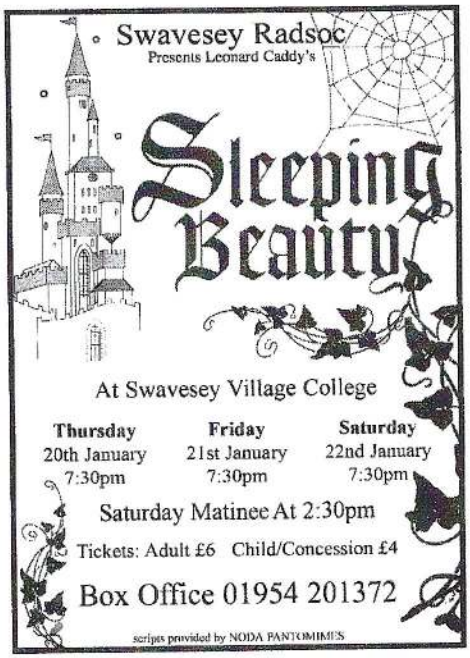
"Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself." (Attributed to Chief Seattle of the Suquamish Indians, around 1854)



Village Correspondent for the CEN

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At-a-glance Information for Library Users

Cambridgeshire County Council's Libraries have produced a series of "at a glance" packs to give people information on how well their local library is performing and to outline future plans for service improvements.

The profiles were produced for each of the 31 static Libraries in Cambridgeshire and are intended to provide a rounded view of each library, its level of use - number of visitors and items loaned annually - and membership, as well as its range of services, facilities and activities such as Internet/computer terminals, children's story times, baby and toddler sessions.

Copies of the individual profiles have been placed in the appropriate Library.

An Extra Letter to the Editor ...

I just wanted to say a big thank you to Ruby Hunt for her many years of writing news in the "events" section of the Cambridge Evening News. She always seemed to have a more honest, heartfelt account of events than any "reporters" that had covered the stories.

Many thanks Ruby....enjoy your "spare" time...I am sure you will fill it!!

Melanie Stamp

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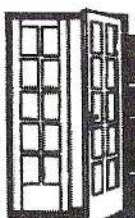

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Sun 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Preacher:Rev Peter Wood (Cambourne Church)
	3.30pm	Scouts and Guides Carol Service	
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)	Leader: Rev Gary Renison
Sun 19th	10.00am	Gift & Crib Service*	Leader: Mrs Linda King
	6.30pm	Village Carols by Candlelight	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Tues 21st	2.30pm	Senior Citizen's Carol Service	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Wed 22nd	10.00am	Mid-week Communion	
Fri 24th	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
	9.30pm	Holy Communion	Preacher: Mrs Di Gunton
Christmas Day	10.00am	Christmas Day Family Communion*	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Sun 26th	10.00am	Family Service & Holy Communion	Preacher Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	No Evening Service	

On the Move:
Village Welcome Booklet

"FOR SALE" and "ON THE MOVE" property signs are very much in evidence in the village nowadays.
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* The offering at these services will be for the work of SEND A COW 'Water project'

People to contact:

The Minister:	Rev Gary Renison (**781629**)
Church Administrator:	Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel & Fax **206120**)
Church Secretary:	Ms Alison Burling (**789282**)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Christmas Mass at Bar Hill
is at 6pm on Friday 24th December.
There will not be Mass at Bar Hill
on Saturday 25th (nor on Sunday 26th)

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On This Month

(See p29 for Church Services)

Dec

Sat 4th	7.00pm	Conservatives Supper with Andrew Lansley	Tel 205265
Thu 9th	8.00pm	NWR 'Christmas around the world'	Tel 201269
Fri 10th		Power Pals	Tel 203554
Fri 10th	9.00pm	Social Club Christmas Draw	Social Club
Fri 10th	7.30pm	Ladies International Group Supper and Song Evening	Tel 200527 or 780304
Sat 11th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club
Sat 11th		Tea With Santa (Sunshine Pre-school)	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 11th	Evening	Karaoke/Disco (Parent & Toddler Group)	School
Mon 13th	1.45pm	Pre-school Nativity Time	Church
Tue 14th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Wed 15th	Morning	Cake Stall (Parent & Toddler Group)	Octagon
Thu 16th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Fri 17th	Morning	Cake Stall (Parent & Toddler Group)	Octagon
Thu 23rd	8.00pm	NWR 'Christmas Recipes'	Tel 201269
Thu 23rd	7.30pm	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
Fri 24th	Evening	Karaoke with Leigh & Membership Draw	Social Club
Wed 29th		Children's Pantomime	Social Club
Fri 31st	Evening	New Year's Eve with Julie Bunn (Members Only)	Social Club

Jan

Thu 13th	8.00pm	NWR 'Lucky Dip'	Tel 201269
Sat 15th	10am-noon	Coffee Morning (Knit & Natter)	Octagon
Sat 15th	11am-noon	District & County Council Advice Surgery	New Parish Council Office
Thu 20th	7.30pm	Sleeping Beauty	Swavesey Village College
Fri 21st	7.30pm	Sleeping Beauty	Swavesey Village College
Sat 22nd	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Sleeping Beauty	Swavesey Village College
Thu 27th	8.00pm	NWR 'Photo Expert'	Tel 201269
Fri 28th	8.00pm	Residents' Association AGM	School

Feb

Thu 3rd	8.00pm	8 o'clock club - The history and fossils of Barrington quarry	School

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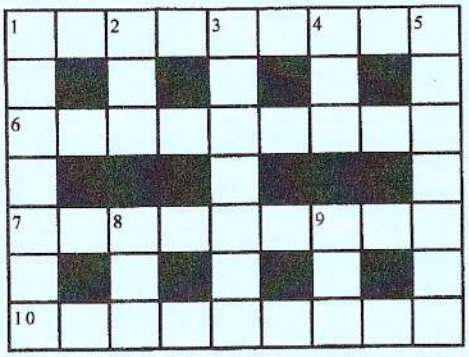

Across

1. Celebrations
6. & 3 down: The angels sang "and peace to – – – –."
7. How we may feel after 1 across
10. Perhaps drunk at 1 across

Down

1. The Lord
2. The wife
3. See 6 Across
4. Unexplained insight
5. Feast associated with Wenceslaus
8. Do not lose this in the season of goodwill
9. Where Abe Lincoln lived

November solution

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Residents' Association

Meetings

Residents' Association's meetings are normally held at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the new Parish Council building next to the Octagon. The next meeting will be on December 14th. The January meeting is our AGM and will be held in the School at 8pm on Friday 28th January. Interested residents are welcome at either of these meetings.

Martin Avery